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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF SECURITY COUNCIL BUSINESS W
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SC SECRETARY GLEISSNER

1. AMB LEONARD AND MISOFFS MET WITH SC SECRETARY
GLEISSNER AFTERNOON 4 APRIL, FIRST OVERVIEW CONTACT
WITH SECRETARIAT DURING CURRENT US PRESIDENCY. ON
MIDDLE EAST LEONARD NOTED THAT WHILE THERE ARE MANY
ME PROBLEMS, WE WOULD NOT ANTICIPATE A CALL FOR A
MEETING DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS. GLEISSNER SAID
WHEN HE HAD JUST SEEN KUWAITI AMB BISHARA ON SOUTH
AFRICAN ARMS EMBARGO MATTERS, BISHARA VOLUNTEERED THAT
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HE DID NOT FORESEE A COUNCIL MEETING ON LEBANON THIS
WEEK.

2. GLEISSNER SAID HIS CONTACTS WITH SOVIETS SUGGEST
THAT WHILE THE SOVIETS HAVE NO OBJECTION TO A MEXICAN
CONTINGENT FOR UNIFIL, THEY WOULD LIKE THE SYG TO
CONSULT WITH MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. GLEISSNER

SEEMED TO HAVE IN MIND NOT MERELY MENTIONING THE MEXICAN CONTINGENT IN ONE OF THE SYG'S UNIFIL PROGRESS REPORTS BUT A SEPARATE LETTER FROM THE SYG TO THE SC PRESIDENT. LEONARD AGREED WE WOULD REFLECT ON THE MATTER.

3. IN RESPONSE TO GLEISSNER'S QUESTION CONCERNING NAMIBIA, LEONARD RECALLED THAT THE FIVE WESTERN MEMBERS HAVE ALREADY PROVIDED THE CURRENT PROPOSALS TO THE FULL MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL. HE ADDED THAT THE FIVE WILL LIKELY EARLY NEXT WEEK SEND A LETTER TO THE SC PRESIDENT CONTAINING THE PROPOSALS FOR CIRCULATION AS A DOCUMENT OF THE COUNCIL. THE LETTER OF THE FIVE MIGHT NOT CALL FOR A FORMAL COUNCIL MEETING; THIS WOULD DEPEND IN PART ON DEVELOPMENTS AT THE TIME.

4. GLEISSNER NOTED THAT NIGERIAN AMB HARRIMAN HAS ANTICIPATED AN AFRICAN CORE GROUP MEETING ON SOUTH AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON OR ABOUT 5 APRIL FOLLOWED BY A FULL AF GROUP MEETING PROBABLY 7 APRIL. WHILE THERE MIGHT BE CONFUSION WITHIN THE AF GROUP, HE BELIEVED HARRIMAN WAS FOCUSSED ON CARRYING FORWARD WESTERN-SUPPORTED GA RES 32/81, WHICH HAD COME OUT OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE, CALLING FOR THE SC TO ACT TO PREVENT SOUTH AFRICA FROM OBTAINING A NUCLEAR WEAPON CAPABILITY (RATHER THAN ON PART F OF GA RES 32/105, THE CONFIDENTIAL

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MILITARY AND NUCLEAR ASPECT OF THE APARTHEID ITEM RESOLUTION WHICH HAD BEEN DEALT WITH DIRECTLY IN PLENARY OVER WESTERN NEGATIVE VOTES. GLEISSNER SUGGESTED DESIRABILITY OF PROMPT US CONTACT WITH AMB HARRIMAN TO PROMOTE BETTER DIRECTION OF LATTER'S EFFORTS.

5. GLEISSNER REPORTED THAT BISHARA, IN LATTER'S CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SC SOUTH AFRICAN ARMS EMBARGO COMMITTEE, HAD COMMENTED WITH CERTAIN REGRET THAT AT ITS MEETING ON 5 APRIL THE COMMITTEE WOULD BE ABLE TO DEAL ONLY WITH GUIDELINES FOR ITS WORK. THERE WAS NOT A SINGLE SPECIFIC CASE OF SUSPECTED VIOLATION, BISHARA HAD TOLD HIM. GLEISSNER THEN NOTED UN'S RECEIPT OF A LETTER FROM A TRINIDAD TRADE UNION ALLEGING THAT ANTIGUAN PM BIRD WAS ALLOWING ARMS SMUGGLING INTO SOUTH AFRICA. (COMMENT: NEITHER BISHARA NOR GLEISSNER INDICATED ANY AWARENESS OF ANY OTHER POSSIBLE ARMS EMBARGO VIOLATIONS.) LEONARD UNQUOTE VANCE

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